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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY-COUNCIL

In letters to me dated 6 and 7 April 1994, respectively, the Permanent Representatives of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (S/1994/402), and the Republic of Chad referred to the Agreement signed on 4 April 1994 between their two Governments regarding the practical modalities for the implementation of the decision of the International Court of Justice on 3 February 1994 regarding the Aouzou strip.

Article 1 of this Agreement provides that operations for the withdrawal of the Libyan administration and forces shall commence on 15 April 1994, under the supervision of a mixed team composed of 25 Chadian and 25 Libyan officers, and shall be based at the administrative post of Aouzou. The withdrawal operation shall end on 30 May 1994 at 0000 hours. The same article provides that United Nations observers shall be present during all the Libyan withdrawal operations and shall establish that the withdrawal is actually effected.

Immediately upon receipt of these letters, I initiated consultations with the two parties on the practical modalities of the observation of the withdrawal of the Libyan administration and troops from the Aouzou strip. The parties were requested to facilitate and support the Secretariat in related preparations. Having secured the agreement of the two Governments and their assurances of cooperation, I intend to send a reconnaissance team to the area to conduct a brief survey of conditions on the ground in order to enable me to prepare as quickly as possible comprehensive recommendations to the Security Council about the possible role of the Organization.

In addition to civilian personnel, the reconnaissance team would include military observers drawn from existing United Nations peace-keeping operations. The Governments of both Chad and Libya have agreed to this.

I expect that, pursuant to article 1 of the Agreement, the team would have access to the entire territory of the strip and would have complete freedom of movement. The timely and scrupulous implementation of the provisions of the 4 April 1994 Agreement will depend on close cooperation between the Governments of Chad and Libya as well as between the parties and the United Nations. I am requesting the two Governments to render to the United Nations team all

practical assistance, including the provision of accommodation, transportation and fuel. In this connection, it will be necessary for the reconnaissance team to visit Libya, whenever necessary, on a United Nations plane, for discussions on the practical support the Libyan Government can provide to the mission as well as to obtain goods and services which may be needed in support of United Nations activities.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI